
SRS Parent Technology Survey

Technology Integration is the use of technology tools in general content areas in education in order to allow students to apply computer and technology skills to learning and problem-solving. Generally speaking, the curriculum drives the use of technology and not vice versa. (Definition from Wikipedia)

Are you a *

- ☐ Mom
- ☐ Dad
- ☐ Grandparent
- ☐ Other relative or guardian

Highest level of education attained

- ☐ Less than high school diploma
- ☐ High school diploma
- ☐ Some College
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree
- ☐ Graduate Education

Age

- ☐ Under 30
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ Over 60

Please select any grades that your child(ren) attend at St. Rita. (check all that apply) *

- ☐ Preschool
- ☐ Kindergarten
- ☐ 1st
- ☐ 2nd
- ☐ 3rd
- ☐ 4th
- ☐ 5th
- ☐ 6th
- ☐ 7th
- ☐ 8th

How would you describe your technology skills?

- ☐ An advanced user-My skills are more advanced than most adults I know
- ☐ An average tech user-My skills are the same as most adults I know
- ☐ A beginner tech user-I am still learning how to use most technology tools
- ☐ I do not use technology

What types of electronic devices do you have access to for your own use? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ SmartPhone (iPhone, Blackberry, HTC Touch, etc.) with internet access
- ☐ Cell phone without internet access
- ☐ A laptop or tablet PC
- ☐ A desktop computer
- ☐ Netbook or mini-notebook computer
- ☐ Digital reader (Kindle, Nook, etc)
- ☐ Handheld digital video camcorder (flip camera, etc)
- ☐ Music or video device (MP3 player or iPod)
- ☐ Video Gaming System (Wii, xBox, Playstation, etc)
- ☐ Hand-held game (Nintendo 3DS, PSP, etc)

What kind of Internet access do you have at home?

- ☐ A computer with no Internet access
- ☐ A computer with fast Internet access (Cable, Fios, etc)
- ☐ No computer at home. My primary access to technology is at the public libraries, etc.
- ☐ No computer at home. My primary access to technology is where I work.
- ☐ No computer at home and no other access to technology.

What are your top three concerns regarding your child's school right now? (limit answer to three checks)

- ☐ Classes are too big
- ☐ Course material is not engaging
- ☐ Funding
- ☐ School is no longer fun for my child
- ☐ School safety
- ☐ Teacher quality
- ☐ Technology is not used to support learning
- ☐ Textbooks are out of date
- ☐ Too much homework
- ☐ Other: _____

How important is the effective implementation of technology within instruction to your child(ren)'s success?

- ☐ Extremely Important
- ☐ Important
- ☐ Somewhat Important
- ☐ Not Important
- ☐ No opinion

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Which of the following aspects of technology would you rate as acceptable at St. Rita? (check all that apply)

St. Rita is adequate at:

- ☐ Amount of technology available for student use
- ☐ Availability and quality of online classes
- ☐ Internet safety and privacy of personal information
- ☐ Priority placed on using technology
- ☐ Quality of hardware and software
- ☐ Teacher's skill in using technology
- ☐ The amount of time spent using technology
- ☐ The way technology is used for academic purposes
- ☐ The use of my child's mobile devices within instruction
- ☐ Use of online textbooks
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ I do not know what technology is available at St. Rita.

Which of the following areas of technology would you like to see St. Rita address? (check all that apply)

St. Rita needs to work on:

- ☐ Amount of technology available for student use
- ☐ Availability and quality of online classes
- ☐ Internet safety and privacy of personal information
- ☐ Priority placed on using technology
- ☐ Quality of hardware and software
- ☐ Teacher's skill in using technology
- ☐ The amount of time spent using technology
- ☐ The way technology is used for academic purposes
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- ☐ None of the above

- ☐ I do not know what technology is available at St. Rita.

Many schools are thinking about how to use mobile learning devices (SmartPhones, iPads, MP3 players, etc) within education. What do you think would be the primary benefits of using such devices in instruction?

- ☐ Access to online textbooks
- ☐ Improves teacher-parent-student communication
- ☐ Increases student engagement in school and learning
- ☐ Increases teacher productivity
- ☐ Prepares students for the world of work
- ☐ Provides a way for students to informally review classroom material
- ☐ Provides a way to help students who are struggling
- ☐ Students develop collaboration and teamwork skills
- ☐ Students develop stronger communication skills
- ☐ These devices help to extend learning beyond the school day
- ☐ Use of these devices will help improve the teacher's technology skills
- ☐ I do not think these devices will positively impact learning
- ☐ No significant benefit

If St. Rita allowed the use of mobile devices (iPads, SmartPhones, MP3 players) for educational purposes, how likely would you be to provide one for your child? (check one)

- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Likely
- ☐ Not likely
- ☐ Very unlikely
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ I think it is the responsibility of the school to raise funds to provide technology for my child to use at school.

Which of these Internet based tools or applications do you use for your own personal interests?

- ☐ Communicate with others through discussion boards, social networking sites or chat
- ☐ Communicate with others through email, IM or text messaging
- ☐ Contribute to a wiki (Wikipedia, Wikispaces, etc)
- ☐ Create a list of resources I want to remember or share (Diigo, Pinterest, etc)
- ☐ Create new work using pre-existing text, graphics, audio, video or animation (Mashup)
- ☐ Participate in online games or 3D virtual reality environments (Second Life, etc)
- ☐ Update profile (Facebook, LinkedIn, etc)
- ☐ Upload or download videos, podcasts or photos to the Internet

- ☐ Use web tools that notify me about things I'm interested in (magazine articles, changes to websites, etc)
- ☐ Use web tools to create or modify and upload videos, music, audio, or animation
- ☐ Use Twitter (or similar tool) to communicate or follow others
- ☐ Write collaboratively with others (Google docs, TypeWithMe, etc)
- ☐ Write or contribute to a blog (my own or someone else's)
- ☐ None of these

What do you think is the best way for your child(ren) to learn about being safe on the Internet?

- ☐ Learn on their own just by using technology
- ☐ Learn through technology class at school
- ☐ Learn by using technology as part of their regular classes
- ☐ Learn through online class
- ☐ From me
- ☐ From their friends
- ☐ From family members
- ☐ Other:

What concerns you the most about your child(ren)'s Internet use at school?

school

- ☐ Advertising/Spam
- ☐ Copyright issues/illegal file sharing
- ☐ Difficulty evaluating the credibility of an online resource
- ☐ Ineffective Internet filters and firewalls
- ☐ Meeting strangers online
- ☐ Online bullying
- ☐ Online predators
- ☐ Plagiarism and cheating
- ☐ Privacy of records and information
- ☐ Sharing too much personal information online
- ☐ Too much time spent on the computer
- ☐ Violent or inappropriate video or online games
- ☐ Virtual environments
- ☐ Web sites that are inappropriate for my child's age
- ☐ I do not have concerns
- ☐ Other:

What concerns you the most about your child(ren)'s Internet use outside of school?

home, friend's house, etc

- ☐ Advertising/Spam

- ☐ Copyright issues/illegal file sharing
- ☐ Difficulty evaluating the credibility of an online resource
- ☐ Ineffective Internet filters and firewalls
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If you could recommend a type of technology that was a good investment towards the enhancement of student achievement, what would you suggest?

- ☐ Collaboration using Web 2.0 tools (blogs, social networking, wikis, etc)
- ☐ Communication tools (email, IM and text messaging)
- ☐ Digital media tools (video, audio)
- ☐ Digital reader (Kindle, Nook, etc)
- ☐ Digital resources (databases, animations, videos, etc)
- ☐ Document camera (Elmo, AverVision, etc)
- ☐ Electronic portfolios for students
- ☐ Games/Virtual Simulations
- ☐ Handheld student response systems
- ☐ High tech instruments for science
- ☐ Mobile computers for every student (laptop, iPad, etc)
- ☐ Learning management systems (Moodle, Blackboard, etc)
- ☐ Mobile devices
- ☐ Online classes
- ☐ Online textbooks
- ☐ Ability to access the Internet anywhere at school (wireless capabilities)
- ☐ Video conferences and webinars
- ☐ Webcam
- ☐ Wireless microphone system for the teacher
- ☐ Other:

How much do you agree with this statement: St. Rita is doing a good job of preparing my child(ren) for the jobs of the 21st century?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly Disagree
- ☐ No opinion
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ I do not think this is the responsibility of K-8

Comments:

optional